

# CAREERS WITH THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

The South Carolina Forestry Commission state forests are looking to hire foresters, forestry technicians and general maintenance technicians.

## **General Maintenance Technician Qualifications**

Completion of 10th grade and three (3) years of trade experience that is directly related to the area of employment. Must be able to operate complex motorized equipment. A Commercial Driver's License (CDL) required but may provide a Commercial Learner's Permit and attain a CDL within 90 working days of employment. Must pass the agency's physical fitness test that requires a two (2) mile walk carrying a 25 lb. pack in 30 minutes. Firefighter registration with the State Fire Marshal's Office, criminal records check and drug test are required.



# **Forestry Technician Qualifications**

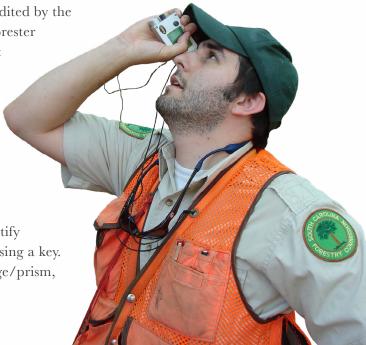
A high school diploma and two (2) years experience in forest management. An associate degree in forestry or natural resources may be substituted for the required work experience. Must pass initial physical fitness test that requires a two (2) mile walk carrying a 25 lb. pack in 30 minutes. Firefighter registration with the State Fire Marshal's Office, criminal records check required.

# **Forester Qualifications**

A bachelor's degree in forestry from a college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters. Required to be a SC registered forester within two years of employment. Must pass a physical fitness test of walking two (2) miles in thirty (30) minutes carrying a 25 lb. pack. Must obtain firefighter registration with the SC State Fire Marshall's office. A criminal background check is a condition of employment.

#### **Duties**

Duties will be 90 percent timber cruising, harvesting operations oversight, management and inventory and 10 percent marking boundary lines. Applicants must be able to identify common southern tree species by sight and uncommon species using a key. Applicants also need to be familiar with the use of an angle gauge/prism, clinometer and D-tape.





# OF STATE EMPLOYEES

## **State Benefits**

The state of South Carolina offers eligible employees generous benefits, including health and dental insurance; retirement and savings plan options; and paid vacation and sick leave. Plus, work-life balance programs such as telecommuting and flexible work schedules are available to employees of some state agencies.

Eligible employees may enroll in health insurance, which includes prescription coverage and wellness benefits. Other available insurance benefits include dental, vision, term life insurance, long term disability and flexible spending accounts for health and child care expenses.

#### RETIREMENT BENEFITS

State employees are also offered retirement plan options, including defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Additionally, eligible employees may elect to participate in the South Carolina Deferred Compensation Program, which is a voluntary, supplemental retirement savings plan offering 401(k) and 457 plan options.

#### WORKPLACE BENEFITS

State employees may also be eligible for other benefits, including tuition assistance; holiday, annual and sick leave; and discounts on purchases, travel and more.

#### Note

The benefits above are available to most state employees, with the exception of those in temporary positions. Employees in temporary grant and time-limited positions may be eligible for all, some or none of these benefits as benefits are associated with each position type. For these positions, contact the hiring agency to determine what benefits may be available.

### **Affirmative Action**

The South Carolina Forestry Commission (the Commission) is committed to a policy of equal employment regardless of race, sex, gender, age (40 and over), color, religion, national origin, disability, pregnancy, genetic information or military status (including reserves), or any other legally protected category under federal, state or local law.

# Where can you search for Forestry Commission jobs?

For more information about job opportunities or to apply for job vacancies, visit the South Carolina Forestry Commission website at www.trees.sc.gov or the SC Division of State Human Resources website at www.careers.sc.gov.

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